

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF WATERTOWN
July 6, 2004
7:00 P.M.**

MAYOR JEFFREY E. GRAHAM PRESIDING

PRESENT: **COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY
COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS
COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH
COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF
MAYOR GRAHAM**

ALSO PRESENT: **CITY MANAGER MARY M. CORRIVEAU
ATTORNEY ROBERT J. SLYE**

City Manager Corriveau presented the following reports to the Council:

- 1 - Approving Lease Agreement Between the City of Watertown and the Greater Watertown Red and Black, Inc.
- 2 - Accepting Bids for Athletic Press Box
- 3 - Accepting Bid – Asbestos Abatement; Building Demolition & Site Restoration at 234 Bellevue Avenue; 540 Jefferson Street; 312 & 331 Stone Street; 114 William Street and 715 Franklin Street
- 4 - Accepting Bid for Airport Runway 10-28 Rehabilitation Rifenburg Construction, Inc.
- 5 - Approving Amendment to Agreement for Professional Services, Lu Engineers, Special Inspections and Remedial Oversight
- 6 - Approving Federal Aviation Administration Grant Agreement, Watertown International Airport, Runway 10-28 Rehabilitation and Runway 10-28 Safety Area Improvements
- 7 - Authorizing the Issuance of \$45,000 Serial Bonds of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York to Pay the Cost of the Acquisition of Final Settling Tank Equipment at the City's Waste Water Treatment Plant, In and For Said City
- 8 - Amending City Municipal Code Section A320, Fees
- 9 - LAID OVER UNDER THE RULES – A Local Law Regulating the Outdoor Bulk Storage of Particular Matter
- 10 - Italian American Civic Association Sign
- 11- Authorizing Sale of Portable Truck Scales
- 12- Petition for Annexation of Property

COMPLETE REPORTS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Meeting opened with a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of June 21, 2004 was dispensed with and accepted as written by motion of Councilwoman Burns, seconded by Councilman Clough and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

COMMUNICATIONS

Minutes were received from the library's board meeting

ABOVE PLACED ON FILE

From the United States Postal Service's Safety Committee expressing their concern over the fate of the City's sidewalk repair policy. The letter states that the policy has greatly improved the safety of these sidewalks in areas where it has been implemented and the committee urged Council to take safety concerns into consideration on any future decisions regarding this policy.

ABOVE PLACED ON FILE

From Niagara Mohawk with copies of the petition, resolution and franchise for renewal of the natural gas franchise in the City of Watertown. The franchise would be for a 50-year term as was the previous one.

ABOVE PLACED ON FILE

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

David Robinson, 231 Franklin Street, addressed the chair concerning the conditions of the sidewalks and stated that he is unable to use his motorized scooter on many of the sidewalks.

Mayor Graham explained that staff is re-evaluating the previous sidewalk policy in an effort to bring recommendations before the Council for the program. He also stated that City Code has always stipulated that property owners are responsible for maintaining their sidewalks. He commented that while there is no organized inspection program in place at this time, there has been a lot of sidewalk and roadwork completed as well as some still in the planning stages.

Wayne Zimmer, 139 Katherine Street, addressed the chair concerning the sidewalk program. He stated that while he would like to see the program continue, he would rather see the City take care of their sidewalks where tree roots are pushing them up. He also remarked that people continue to block the intersection at the corner of Newell Street and Mill Street.

Jeff Smith, 140 Keyes Avenue, addressed the chair concerning downtown parking. He referred to the 2001 Comprehensive Traffic Study, which listed the numerous parking

spaces available throughout the City parking lots. He also mentioned the additional parking that will be available as a result of the lot on the former Penney's site and the lot next to the former Tallmadge Tire building. Mr. Smith suggested that Council should look at the parking the City has now before they look at demolishing more buildings for parking lots.

Mary Mooney, 585 Eastern Blvd., addressed the chair concerning the payment for the new sewer hookups. She asked that they be allowed to pay over a number of years instead of in one lump sum.

Tim Glover, 553 Eastern Blvd., addressed the chair asking what the time schedule was going to be, as he would like to be able to plan his renovations for his hookup at the proper time.

RESOLUTIONS

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH

WHEREAS the City is a municipal corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York and, as such, owns a facility known as the Alex T. Duffy Fairgrounds within the City of Watertown, and the Fairgrounds are a community recreational facility, and

WHEREAS the City desires to promote future recreational activities at the Fairgrounds for the valid public purpose of the benefit, recreation, entertainment, amusement, convenience and welfare of the people of the City, and

WHEREAS in pursuit of that public purpose, the City desires to contract for the use, operations, management and maintenance of the Fairgrounds multi-purpose field and all football-related activities, and

WHEREAS the Greater Watertown Red and Black, Inc. owns and operates a football team as a member and franchise of the Empire Football League, and

WHEREAS Greater Watertown Red and Black, Inc. desires to have its team, Red and Black, play football games within the confines of the Fairgrounds,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown approves the Lease Agreement between the City of Watertown and the Greater Watertown Red and Black, Inc., and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, Mary M. Corriveau, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH

WHEREAS the City Purchasing Department has advertised and received bids for the purchase and installation of a prefabricated, all season enclosure to be used as a Press Box at the Alex T. Duffy Fairgrounds football field, per our specifications, and

WHEREAS only one bid was received and publicly opened and read in the City Purchasing Department on Friday, June 25, 2004, at 11 a.m., and

WHEREAS City Purchasing Agent Robert J. Cleaver and Superintendent of Public Works Eugene P. Hayes reviewed the bid submitted, and are recommending that the City Council accept the sole bid, meeting our specifications, submitted by Mullin Industrial Handling of E. Syracuse, New York, in the amount of \$47,709,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York accepts the bid submitted by Mullin Industrial Handling, E. Syracuse, New York, for the purchase and installation of a prefabricated, all season enclosure for use as a Press Box at the Alex T. Duffy Fairgrounds football field.

SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF

WHEREAS the City Purchasing Department, in conjunction with GYMO, P.C., has advertised and received sealed bids for asbestos abatement and building demolition and site restoration at 234 Bellow Avenue; 540 Jefferson Street; 312 and 331 Stone Street; 114 William Street and 715 Franklin Street, and

WHEREAS on June 24, 2004, at 11 a.m. in the offices of GYMO, P.C., the bids received were publicly opened and read, and

WHEREAS William P. Planet, PALS, Environmental Manager of GYMO, P.C., thoroughly reviewed the bids received and is recommending that the City Council award the contract to the lowest qualifying bidder, Independent Commercial Contractors, Inc., Lorraine, New York, for the base bid amount of \$76,000,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council accepts the base bid submitted by Independent Commercial Contractors, Inc., Lorraine, New York, for asbestos abatement, building demolition and site restoration at 234 Bellow Avenue; 540 Jefferson Street; 312 & 331 Stone Street; 114 William Street; and 715 Franklin Street; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Jeffrey E. Graham, is hereby authorized and directed to execute any contract documents in support of this award.

SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS

Councilwoman Burns asked why GYMO was hired to work on this. She questioned if Purchasing and the City Engineering Office could do the same thing.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that GYMO has the expertise in asbestos abatement and the City has used them in the past.

Councilwoman Burns remarked that she is not questioning the need for GYMO's expertise. She stated that she just wondered if it was necessary all the time to have GYMO work on the bids for abatement. She stated that she agrees with the decision to demolish.

Mrs. Corriveau remarked that the language in the bid specs must meet DEC requirements and GYMO can do that.

Councilman Clough asked about the listing of the other bids. He stated that usually Council is given the list. This time it is not in the packet.

Councilman Clough suggested that the resolution be tabled until the next meeting to allow time for the list to be prepared.

Councilman Bradley remarked that it was probably just an oversight, but he would also like to see the list.

MOTION TO TABLE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN CLOUGH, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LABOUF AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS

WHEREAS the City of Watertown advertised and received sealed bids for the rehabilitation of Airport Runway 10-28, per City specifications, and

WHEREAS invitations to bid were issued to thirteen (13) prospective bidders with four (4) bids being received and publicly opened and read in the City Council Chambers on Wednesday, June 9, 2004, at 2:00 p.m., and

WHEREAS City Purchasing Agent Robert J. Cleaver reviewed the bids received and is recommending that the City Council accept the bid submitted by Rifenburg Construction, Inc., Troy, New York, in the amount of \$1,788,794.74, being the lowest qualifying bid meeting City specifications,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York hereby accepts the bid submitted by Rifenburg Construction, Inc., Troy, New York, in the amount of \$1,788,794.74, for the rehabilitation of Airport Runway 10-28,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes and directs Mayor Jeffrey E. Graham to execute, on behalf of the City of Watertown, any contract documents related to bid award, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that awarding of this bid is contingent on the City of Watertown receiving a grant from FAA and NAYS DOT to fund this project.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY

WHEREAS in order to meet the new NAYS Building Code requirements in connection with the construction of the Public Works Storage and Maintenance Facility and the construction of the Bus Garage, the City of Watertown was required to hire a professional engineer with specific certifications and qualifications to perform “Special Inspections”, and

WHEREAS on September 15, 2003, the City Council approved an Agreement for Professional Services with Lu Engineers from Penfield, New York, and

WHEREAS in the course of preparing the required environmental work plans, health and safety plans and the initial remedial efforts associated with the building excavations, it has been necessary for Lu Engineers to perform several tasks and spend a great deal more time working on these issues that was originally anticipated, and

WHEREAS an area of petroleum contamination has been discovered on the site for the Public Works Storage and Maintenance Facility and Lu Engineers is working in coordination with the SYNDIC to ensure removal and proper handling of the contaminated material, and

WHEREAS City Engineer Gary E. Pylon is recommending that the City Council approve an Amendment to the Agreement with Lu Engineers to perform these duties for the City of Watertown,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves the Amendment to the Agreement for Professional Services, Special Inspections and Remedial Oversight in the amount of \$30,768.00, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Manager Mary M. Corriveau is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF

WHEREAS on July 6, 2004 the City Council of the City of Watertown adopted a resolution authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with Rifenburg Construction, Inc. for the construction phase of the Rehabilitation of Runway 10-28, in the amount of \$1,788,794.74, and

WHEREAS that resolution was contingent on the City receiving a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in support of the project, and

WHEREAS the FAA has notified the City that they have now allocated a 95% grant in the amount of \$1,904,720 to support the construction phase of the rehabilitation of Runway 10-28 at the Watertown International Airport, which has an estimated total cost of \$2,005,000,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown approves the Grant Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration in the amount of \$1,904,720 to support the construction phase of the rehabilitation of Runway 10-28 at the Watertown International Airport, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Jeffrey E. Graham is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Grant Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

Councilman Clough asked about the City's portion of this when the airport is turned over to the County.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that this is in the capital budget for 2004-05 and as the City transfers the airport, the County will assume the debt.

Mayor Graham remarked that as the County takes over, they are getting a facility, which is in very good shape.

ORDINANCES

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH

WHEREAS, all conditions precedent to the financing of the capital project hereinafter described, including compliance with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, have been performed; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the financing of such capital project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. For the specific object or purpose of paying the cost of the acquisition of final settling tank equipment at the City's waste water treatment plant, in and for the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, there are hereby authorized to be issued \$45,000 serial bonds of said City pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the maximum estimated cost of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is \$45,000 and that the plan for the financing thereof is by the issuance of the \$45,000 serial bonds of said City authorized to be issued pursuant to this bond ordinance.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is thirty years, pursuant to subdivision 4 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said City Comptroller, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 5. The faith and credit of said City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said City, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 6. Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Comptroller and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be imprinted thereon and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Clerk.

Section 7. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as he shall deem best for the interests of the City, provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, he shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the City Comptroller shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.

Section 8. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the City by the facsimile signature of the City Comptroller, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the City), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the City Comptroller. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the City not to impose and collect from registered owners of such serial bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the City Comptroller shall determine.

Section 9. This ordinance shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this ordinance, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 10. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said City is not authorized to expend money, or

2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this ordinance are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 11. This ordinance, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in full in the Watertown Daily Times, the official newspaper, together with a notice of the City Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN J. BRADLEY AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

(Unanimous consent moved by motion of Councilman Clough, seconded by Councilman Bradley and carried with all voting in favor thereof.)

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH

BE IT ORDAINED that § A320, Fees of the City Code of the City of Watertown is amended as follows:

§ A320-2. Commissioner of Deeds; exceptions.

A. Effective at the beginning of business on July 19, 2004, the City Clerk shall charge and receive from the applicant a fee of \$25.00 for processing each application for Commissioner of Deeds

AND,

§ A320-6. Schedule of Fees

Type	Fee
Marriage Solemnization Fee	\$40.00
Heirloom Record of Marriage	\$15.00

AND,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this amendment shall take effect July 19, 2004 or as soon as it is published once in the official newspaper of the City of Watertown, or printed as the City Manager directs.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHEN L. BRADLEY AND CARRIED
WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

(Unanimous consent moved by motion of Councilman Clough, seconded by Councilman Bradley and carried with all voting in favor thereof.)

**THE ORDINANCE “AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE, SECTION 293-61
PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES – EAST SIDE OF LANSING
STREET” WAS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL** (Introduced on June 21, 2004; laid over
under the rules; appears in its entirety on page 134 of the 2004 Minutes Book.

**AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE FOREGOING
ORDINANCE AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

LOCAL LAW

**NO MOTION WAS MADE TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE A LOCAL LAW
REGULATING THE OUTDOOR BULK STORAGE OF PARTICULATE
MATTER** (Introduced on May 17, 2004, public hearing held on June 7, 2004; appears in
its entirety on page 106 of the 2004 Minutes Book

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COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

Gas Franchise

Mayor Graham referred to Niagara Mohawk’s communication regarding the franchise.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that this paperwork has been sent out to staff for review and comments. She stated that it is not exclusive but does give NiMo certain rights such as the installation of pipe within the right of way. Mrs. Corriveau also explained that staff is looking at the wording of other franchise agreements from other communities.

Mayor Graham commented that he would like to have the streetlights fixed before the City considers the gas franchise.

Eastern Boulevard Sewer Hookups

Mayor Graham remarked that it is difficult when the people in the towns are all taken care of. He stated that when service is extended, it should be made sure that everyone is hooked up and that everyone knows the parameters ahead of time. He stated that the

Town of Pamela put a lateral out back of the properties on one side of Eastern Boulevard and the City of Watertown put one down through the center of the street and now there are two parallel sewer lines running through. He stated that this adds to the cost and arrangements should have been made up front.

Councilman Clough explained that part of the problem was that Council wasn't even aware of the situation until Mr. Murdoch attended a Council meeting.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that the City had received a petition from the property owners in the 500 block of Eastern Blvd. in June 2003. What the City did, was done as a result of their request. In December 2003, the City notified the property owners. She stated that she understands the owners concerns and the financial impact this will have. However, she wanted Council to be clear on the fact that the City did notify them in advance.

Mayor Graham commented that DANC comes up with this grand plan to provide service to the town and nobody was able to put two and two together that service was being offered to one side of the street and not the other. He asked about the charges to the property owners.

Mr. Glover and Mr. Murdoch explained that each property varies, depending on how far they have to go to connect. The corner lot will be the most expensive as it is mostly rock. The charge is by the foot and the one quote received is for \$17.00 per foot.

Mrs. Corriveau commented that she would refer any special assessment discussion to Attorney Slye.

Attorney Slye explained that he doesn't believe that can be implemented in this case. He advised Council that the City reacted quickly to the concerns of the property owners when they approached Council and asked to be hooked up to the system. He stated that he didn't think it was fair to City staff to have all the work that they did overshadowed by a request for money. He stated that the prior Council said it wanted this done in response to a petition.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that the City put out bids and awarded it before December.

Councilman LaBouf asked about putting this project off until a special assessment district could be put in place.

Attorney Slye explained that the contractor is on site and can't stop now. He stated that he is not aware of any way under the charter to create a special assessment district for this situation.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that according to the City Charter, a special assessment district has to be done before the Council awards the bid and Council never even discussed such a district during the process.

Mr. Pilon advised that the contract covers the sewer line and laterals to the margin. A new contract could be for the connections into the house.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that it was her understanding that the laterals are part of the financing through EFC and World Development loan moneys for rural areas. The town actually own and maintain the laterals, which is different than the City. She stated that one of her concerns is that the City has five properties on Water Street where sewer permits have been issued and the work may have been already done.

Councilman Bradley commented that this is a town project, not a DANC project and everyone has to pay. He commented that there is a lot of loan money involved.

Mayor Graham remarked that we have created a situation where these folks have to worry about it but the people on the other side of the street don't have to.

Councilwoman Burns remarked that she agrees that common sense should have prevailed. However, the staff did pull this together very quickly.

Mr. Pilon explained that the one sewer line, which runs down Eastern Blvd., is the one the City put in. The one behind the properties is in the Town of Pamela and was put in when the sewer district was created. The City couldn't be on that one.

Attorney Slye commented that the City could have been part of the inter-municipal agreement.

Mrs. Corriveau stated that had the City been aware of the situation on Eastern Blvd. it could have been negotiated in an agreement.

Mayor Graham asked who supervises the decommissioning of the septic tanks.

Mr. Pilon explained that the Codes office would be the ones to inspect them, making sure that they had either been removed or filled in with sand.

Mayor Graham referred to the fact that the City gave a free sewer lateral from the house on Erie Street being constructed by Habitat for Humanity.

Attorney Slye explained that the City is permitted to spend money for charitable purposes. Therefore, what was done for Habitat for Humanity was legal.

Attorney Slye commented that the City Code permits the DPW Superintendent to determine if City staff could put in the laterals. He commented that billing could be done later.

Mayor Graham commented that we need to find a way to make sure that all of these properties are hooked up within the time frame. He asked about City crews doing this work.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that we can't have City staff in these homes. She also commented that they have been given a charge of \$17.00 a foot by a private contractor and she wouldn't want to use City crews if their fee ended up being \$25.00 a foot. She suggested that the individuals could speak with Mr. Pilon or with her and they could see what could be worked out. She explained that there is CDBG funding for low/moderate income. Mr. Mix has the applications and would review them and perhaps this could be used to help some of the property owners.

Council concurred that this idea should be followed through.

Petition for Annexation of Property

Council instructed the City Manager to take the necessary action to allow the City and Town of Watertown to consider this petition.

Boundaries from 1990's Annexation

Mayor Graham also asked that staff move ahead with cleaning up the boundary lines from the 1990's annexation.

Mrs. Corriveau commented that this is being done.

Councilman Clough asked that staff follow up on the small strips of land on this side of 81.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that there have been discussions on this.

Italian American Civic Association Sign

Mayor Graham remarked that it is a shame that a civic organization cannot put a sign out front but cigarette/beer and soft drink placards are all over the City. In addition, the Tallmadge Tire sign is still up and serves absolutely no purpose, yet no one cares.

Councilman Clough commented that the Northside League was in the same boat. The prior Council had turned the sign ordinance over to a committee and no action was ever taken.

Councilwoman Burns commented that the committee brought back minimal changes. This was the opportunity for recommendations and nothing was brought back to the Council.

Councilman LaBouf commented that Mayor Graham has made interesting observations and it seems that there should be something that Council can do.

Portable Truck Scales

Council concurred to move forward with this sale.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN CLOUGH TO SCHEDULE A
PUBLIC HEARING FOR MONDAY, JULY 19, 2004 AT 7:30 P.M. TO
CONSIDER THE REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW
CABINS AND TENT CAMPING AT 1605 HUNTINGTON STREET, PARCEL
NO. 5-07-701.002.**

**MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BRADLEY AND CARRIED
WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

ADJOURNMENT

**AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR MEETING WAS DULY ADJOURNED AT 8:25
P.M. BY MOTION OF COUNCILMAN CLOUGH, SECONDED BY
COUNCILWOMAN BURNS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR
THEREOF.**

Donna M. Dutton

City Clerk